

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:45 A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Thad G. Geiger, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were present.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart observed the entire meeting.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include presentations by Appraiser Danielle Kiefer and Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve County Commission minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve added taxes to the 2018 Doniphan County tax roll in the amount of \$727.50 and abated taxes in the amount of \$2,617.18. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve payroll and warrants for the period of November 15, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Currently there are eleven local and nine out of county inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with October 2018 departmental budget and expense report for their review.

Appraiser Danielle Kiefer requested, on behalf of homeowners Lester and Marilee Shalz, property tax relief for property located at 706 N Third Street, Wathena, Kansas, for tax year 2018 due to destructive fire which claimed the homestead on January 12, 2018. Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to abate 2018 property tax for property located at 706 N Third Street, Wathena, Kansas, due to destructive fire under the authority of the Tax Credit Act. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to grant Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce authority to establish a Public and Home Health Project Fund with the Doniphan County Community Foundation and to approve \$1,000.00 start-up fee. Motion carried.

Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce presented bids for replacement of the north steps on the Health Department/Home Health Building as follows:

Myers Overhead Door LLC	\$ 2,083.00
Littleman Construction LLC	\$ 4,507.02
Dillon Company	\$10,655.92
Lowe's Home Improvement	\$19,646.26

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the bid of Myers Overhead Door LLC for replacement of north steps on the Health Department/Home Health Building in the amount of

\$2,083.00 with the expense paid from the New Sales Tax fund as a capital improvement. Commissioner McKernan seconded the motion and it carried.

Jim Long, CPA with Karlin & Long, LLC, presented the County Commission with the 2017 Doniphan County Financial Statement. In reviewing the 2017 audit, Mr. Long issued a clean report stating no exceptions were found.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to enter into an agreement with Karlin & Long, LLC for preparation of the 2018 Financial Statement in the amount of \$11,350.00 plus \$150.00 filing fee. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson updated the Board of County Commissioners on the annual Kansas Economic Development Meeting and the Doniphan County Strategic Plan. Director Johnson also presented the Board with information on “Grow in Kansas” a strategic growth initiative pilot program for the proactive recruitment of food, agriculture and UAS/small aircraft business in Kansas. Director Johnson explained the program will work in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Kansas Department of Commerce to attract businesses of interest to Doniphan County which best meet the needs of the area.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to enter into a contract with KANZA Mental Health for funding for budget year 2019 in the amount of \$28,144.00 plus an additional \$1,000.00 in local alcoholic liquor tax funds. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Board replacement of bridge structure T32-1 on 210<sup>th</sup> and Mineral Point Roads would begin January 2019, weather permitting.

Federal Funds Exchange overlay project on 165<sup>th</sup> Road, by Herzog Contracting Corporation, will be put off until Spring 2019 due to cold weather temperatures, according to Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve four additional loads of base rock for 275<sup>th</sup> Road in the amount of \$723.22. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve hauling of rock stockpiles for each road district in the amounts of 1,000 ton for First Road District, 700 ton for the Second Road District and 300 ton for the Third Road District. Motion carried.

Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris informed the County Commission new sign posts have an anchor bolt that can be removed to easily disassemble and re-assemble signs during planting and harvest season. Farmers will need to contact the Road Department in order for signage to be properly removed.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan to approve the following unauthorized expenditures Franken Auto Parts \$1,449.08, Highland Hardware \$378.91, and Force Distributing \$792.01. Motion carried.

Status of keeping the Elwood Leisure Hour Senior Citizens Center open was tabled pending an agreement setting out parameters between the Doniphan County Commission and Elwood City Council.

The annual employee Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the Doniphan County Commissioners, will be hosted by the Troy Christian Church on December 7, 2018.

Commissioner Geiger asked for future discussion on hard surfacing of county roadways by use of asphalt in areas of the county with the potential for development. Commissioner Collins asked that the policy and procedure for use of chip seal be reviewed. And Commissioner McKernan asked for consideration on purchasing land for housing development.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

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Thad G. Geiger, Chairman